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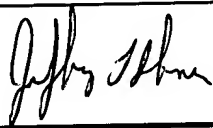
Title of the Invention: **DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MICROORGANISMS**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The material listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form is cited in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references with respect to the present application. Copies of these references can be found with the parent application, U.S. Serial Number 09/571,274, and, accordingly, will not be resubmitted unless requested by the Examiner.

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